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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 21 December 2011 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

In the amendment, Applicant requests consideration and initialed copies of the IDS filed Feb. 25, 2002; April 2, 2004; and July 6, 2004, alleging that none of the mentioned copies has been received. However, the PTO record shows that each of the aforementioned IDS has been considered and returned to Applicant on June 26, 2007 and again on July 19, 2007. See attached copies of the IDS initialed and signed May 25, 2007 and July 14, 2007. Accordingly, the reproduced copies of the IDS as filed on December 21, 2011 are not being considered to avoid confusion and possible delay due to duplication.

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